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SUBJECT: GSL DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON NON-ALIGNED  
VISITORS

1. FOLLOWING MARCH 4 DISCUSSION WITH AMBASSADOR ON  
ANOTHER MATTER, (SEPTTEL), DEPUTY MINISTER OF DEFENCE  
AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, LAKSHMAN JAYODODY TOUCHED BRIEFLY  
ON VARIOUS RECENT HIGH-LEVEL VISITORS TO COLOMBO WHO  
HAVE COME PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS NON-ALIGNED MATTERS.

2. NEPALESE FOREIGN MINISTER'S VISIT: JAYAKODY  
COMMENTED THAT NEPALESE FOREIGN MINISTER, PROF. KRISHNA  
RAJ ARYAL'S VISIT DURING THIRD WEEK OF FEBRUARY, WHICH  
WENT ALMOST UNNOTED. ARYAL DID NOT APPEAR TO BE  
CLOSELY ACQUAINTED WITH DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN NON-ALIGNED  
MOVEMENT, BUT HIS VISIT PRESENTED GSL WITH OPPORTUNITY  
TO DISCUSS SOME OF MORE IMPORTANT ISSUES. IN GENERAL,  
JAYAKODY SAID, THERE WAS BROAD SIMILARITY OF VIEWS  
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BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES. REGIONAL PROBLEMS WERE ALSO

DISCUSSED AND NEPALESE CONTINUED TO EVIDENCE CONCERN ABOUT RE-

LATIONS WITH INDIA WITH PARTICULAR RESIDUAL SENSITIVITY OVER SIKKIM TAKEOVER AND OVER NEPAL'S LANDLOCKED STATUS. STRESSING THAT BOTH SRI LANKA AND NEPAL ARE SMALL COUNTRIES ADJACENT TO INDIAN GIANT, ARYAL PROPOSED THAT EFFORTS BE MADE TO DEVELOP CLOSER TRADE AND CULTURAL TIES BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES WHICH, AT PRESENT, ARE VIRTUALLY NON-EXISTENT.

3. IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER: TALKS DURING FEBRUARY 26-29 VISIT BY IRAQI FOREIGN MINISTER DR. SAADOUN HAMMADI WERE DOMINATED BY SRI LANKA'S JUSTICE AND FINANCE MINISTER FELIX DIAS BANDARANAIAKE. ACCORDING TO JAYAKODY, BANDARANAIAKE, WHO DID MOST OF THE TALKING, OVERWHELMED HAMMADI BY DRAWING ON HIS EXPERIENCES AS CLOSE ADVISER TO PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIAKE THROUGH FOUR PREVIOUS NON-ALIGNED SUMMITS. IN MARCH 1 PRESS CONFERENCE, HAMMADI REPEATED IRAQI NON-ALIGNED INITIATIVES INCLUDING PROPOSAL FOR PERMANENT SECRETARIAT. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF THIS IN JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED AT END OF VISIT INDICATING CEYLONESE REFUSED TO AGREE TO PROPOSAL ABOUT WHICH THEY HAVE PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS. JOINT STATEMENT INDICATED GENERAL AGREEMENT ON MOST OTHER NON-ALIGNED TOPICS. HOWEVER, JAYAKODY SAID IRAQIS HAD SOUGHT REFERENCE TO ZIONISM AS FORM OF RACISM BUT THAT GSL INSISTED ON ADHERING TO ITS OWN LANGUAGE. IN END, STATEMENT CARRIED RECITATION OF IRAQI VIEWS ON PALESTINIAN ISSUE AND CONCLUDED BY SAYING "TWO SIDES AGREED THAT JUST SOLUTION TO PROBLEM LIES IN ENSURING FULL LIBERATION OF ALL OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND REGAINING BY PALESTINIAN PEOPLE OF THEIR FULL NATIONAL RIGHTS."

4. YUGOSLAV INFORMATION MINISTER: M. BERBEROVIC, YUGOSLAV INFORMATION MINISTER, ARRIVED MARCH 3 REPORTEDLY TO DISCUSS PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUMMIT AS WELL AS PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH NON-ALIGNED NEWS AGENCY. JAYAKODY SAID BERBEROVIC HAD MET WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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OPPOSITION TROTSKYITE LEADERS AND, BECAUSE TROTSKYITIES ARE WELL DISPOSED TOWARD YUGOSLAVIA, THEY HAD AGREED TO LOOK MORE FAVORABLY ON NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT, WHICH THEY HAVE BEEN CRITICIZING AS TOO COSTLY. LATER, FORMER TROTSKYITE PLANTATIONS MINISTER, COLVIN DE SILVA, ISSUED PUBLIC STATEMENT SUPPORTING SUMMIT.

5. AMBASSADOR TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MEETING WITH

JAYAKODY TO DISCUSS U.S. POSITION ON PUERTO RICO,  
MIDDLE EAST AND KOREA.

ON PUERTO RICO , JAYAKODY SAID HE THOUGHT BEST STANCE  
FOR GSL WOULD BE TO SUPPORT PRINCIPLE OF SELF  
DETERMINATION.

6. RE KOREA, JAYAKODY SAID CEYLONese WERE GETTING  
FED UP WITH NORTH KOREANS COMING AROUND AND DEMANDING  
RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF RESIDENT REPRESENTATION. HE  
SAID HE HAD HAD TO TELL NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION  
LEADER HO DAN LAST MONTH THAT GSL COULD DO NOTHING  
UNTIL CURRENT FOREIGN EXCHANGE FRAUD TRIAL, IN WHICH  
NORTH KOREANS HAVE BEEN IMPLICATED, IS OVER. HE  
PERSONALLY BELIEVED SOUTH KOREA SHOULD BE GIVEN EQUAL  
STATUS WITH NORTH KOREA BUT NOTED THAT GSL MIGHT  
COME UNDER HEAVY PRESSURE FROM ALGERIANS TO PERMIT  
NORTH KOREANS TO RE-ESTABLISH RESIDENT EMBASSY IN  
COLOMBO BEFORE SUMMIT.  
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